

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for indicating that claims 1-18 and 20-24 include allowable subject matter.

Disposition/Amendment of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 19 and 21 have been amended. Claim 20 has been cancelled, incorporating this subject matter into amended claim 19. Claim 25-29 have been added as apparatus claims associated with independent method claim 8.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claim 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lew (US 4,785,245). Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 20 which has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610.

Respectfully submitted,

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